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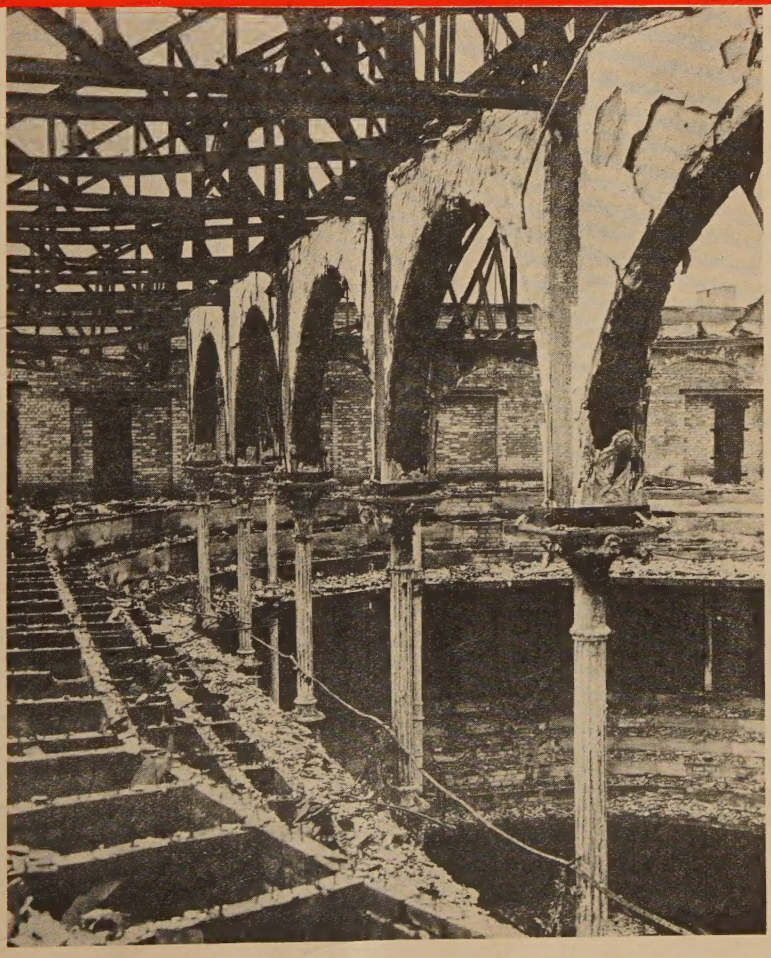

Spurgeon's Tabernacle, London, destroyed in the raids, will be rebuilt as soon as conditions permit. Estimated loss to Baptist churches in England is now about $5,000,000. This photo used by permission of Dr. W. O. Lewis.

Income Assured During Days of Peril

Nearing her 100th birthday, Mrs. Emeline C. Roberts of Michigan, writes appreciatively of the regular income that has given her freedom from worry during advanced old age:

"Once more by God's Providence, I am permitted to return thanks to your Society for the semi-annual remittance. I am very grateful for the same and for the measure of health which God is giving me so far in my 97th year. May God bless the work of your Society.

"Yours gratefully,

"Emeline C. Roberts"

The above is a sample of the many letters received by this Society from those who have taken advantage of our Annuity Agreement Plan.

The Society has yet to hear of any donor who felt that a mistake had been made in taking advantage of the plan, but many have expressed satisfaction at having provided for the work of the Society without the formality of a will, while at the same time *assuring themselves of a definite and regular income for life.*

If you think we can help you in planning for an assured income during these difficult days, write to Rev. G. Pitt Beers, Executive Secretary, The American Baptist Home Mission Society, 212 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

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The prayer life of the Christian is the pulse which registers his spiritual state. —*H. R. Monro.*

The Gospel of Christ did not come out of this present crisis and will not be made ineffective by this crisis. It is the eternal Gospel.—*E. Stanley Jones.*

When our spiritual ears are attuned to hear the voice of God, the jarring noises of the world do not mislead us or disturb our peace.—*Robert Murray McCheyne.*

Rev. John W. Williams of Elida, N.M., has resigned and moved to San Diego, Calif., for the purpose of working with people seeking to organize a Southern Baptist church in Southern California.

Emory University (Methodist) and Agnes Scott College, (Presbyterian), Nashville, Tenn., has completed their drive to raise $8,500,000.

Atlanta University has become "the largest educational center for Negroes in the world" since Clark College for Negroes (Methodist) has moved across Atlanta and affiliated with Atlanta University.

Parable of Triumphal Entry

Now it came to pass a long time ago that the Saviour of men rode into the city of Jerusalem on a beast of burden. Behold, a multitude ran before him and lined the roadway on either side and they did shout, "Hosanna Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord." And they spread palm branches in the way before Him.

Now just four days later the same multitude gathered before the court of Pilate and again they were shouting. They were not crying, "Hosanna," but, "Crucify Him, crucify Him." Fickle crowd. Traitors. A curse be upon them.

And the prophet mused upon the ways of men. 1900 years have passed. Palm Sunday is here again. The Master of men will again ride into the city and milions of his followers will put on their bright raiment and join the procession to His church. They will profess their love for the Crucified One and they will sing "Hosanna."

Then they too will join the throng who no longer shout, "Crucify Him," but who bring sorrow to his loving heart by their neglect. They say they love Him but do not worship Him. They profess to believe in Him but obey Him not. They claim to be his followers but bear no testimony for Him nor will they serve Him. The prophet's heart was heavy. Did not the Master say, "If ye love me ye will keep my commandments."

And the prophet saith unto the Saviour of men, "What thinkest Thou, Oh Master, of this multitude that crucify Thee again?" With sad and heavy heart the Master answereth, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."

The Minor Prophet

The Christian church in the present crisis must march. Only a marching church can survive and only a church on the march can administer the spiritual and moral responsibilities of the present world uncertainty.—*Daniel A. Poling.*

Faith is the antidote for fear, and hope will remove despondency. There can be no despondency with a Christian outlook.—*Sidney Sweet.*

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Memphis, Tenn., has more churches than filling stations, says the Christian Century. There are 413 churches, 184 are white and 229 Negro. Negro Baptists have 159 churches. Among these, says the Century, are "four Firsts, four Mt. Moriah's, four Mt. Pleasants, three Shilohs, three each of the following, Pilgrim's Rest, St. Stephen's, St. Paul's, St. Matthew's, St. John's, Calvary and Macedonia.

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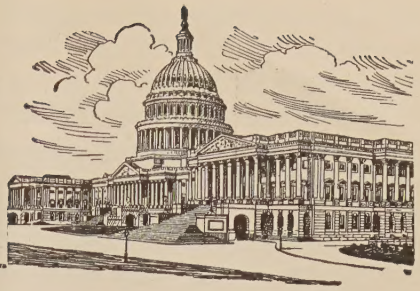

hristian Service vs. War Resolutions

The regrettable incident of a well-known Baptist, who appens to have the ear of President Roosevelt, persuading he President to send a telegram to the recent Northern aptist Convention, received little attention from the ress at large. This was as it should have been. It was unise on the part of the Baptist—and a slip on the part of he President, who did not even know the Northern Baptist onvention was in session until it was brought to his tention.

Baptists do not need to be told how to conduct themlves in their relation to the war. Every one of them re loyal citizens and they are doing their best to give full pport to the Government whose privileges they enjoy. hey believe that this is a war for the survival of the hristian faith and their lives are ready to be offered when nd if needed.

War resolutions are beside the point and usually consist f a few worn out phrases that do not mean anything. Evience of this can be seen in the resolution passed at both he Northern and Southern Conventions. They can mean nything, or nothing. It would have been better if they had een eliminated altogether.

Baptists are interested in bigger things than war resolutons. They are out to give the "balm of Gilead" to a orld that suffers. They combine their loyalty to the ate with practical service to the Kingdom of God. he raising of relief funds, the work among the soldiers, e Christian service and ministry to Japanese evacuees, e succor to missionaries in the war-torn areas, the determination to extend the Baptist cause in a "Church xtension Fund," the effort to guarantee security for every aptist Pastor, the answer to the call of the Schools and minaries—these, and more, evidence the practical minry of American Baptists in the name of Jesus Christ they, at the same time, give their sons to the armed rces, their daughters as nurses, and their money for efense Bonds and Stamps.

American Baptists will testify to their concern for a ffering world in 1942-1943 by giving the largest sum of oney for all causes they have given in many, many years. nd as a result of this recognition of the priorities of God American Baptists will experience a renaissance of iritual fervor unusual even to them. Conversions and ditions to the churches will mark a high point for a ar period. The Evangelistic Departments of our Conventions have planned for such a year. They are ready to take the lead and Baptists will follow.

America is proud of the Baptists. They are exhibiting the kind of stuff that their fathers had. The spirit of cooperating is growing in spite of a flurry now and then —and these flurries in the end will mean greater cooperation. American Baptists are determined—every last one of them—not to let the world down. When the history of this era is finally written it will reveal courage, generosity, and spiritual fervor. It will reveal that American Baptists served their country without reservation in the time of peril—and their Lord and Master in deeds of mercy, understanding and love.

Race Discrimination

In order to develop a world society in which there will be freedom and justice for all fundamental changes must be made in thought processes as well as in economic re-arrangement. Freedom and justice for all, as we understand it, means among other things the elimination of race discrimination just as soon as so-called "superior" races can be made to see the fundamental issues involved. It is a dangerous procedure to hold out a hope that this can be done immediately. It may take years, for the minds of men in the approach to race relationship are not easy to change.

Ever since President Roosevelt announced the ideal of the four freedoms his noble and inspiring words have been repeated by others over and over again. Vice President Wallace emphasized the ideal of freedom and justice for all. Columnists have written about it. No speech has been made on the world situation without reference to it. Every religious gathering has included the ideal in its resolutions. And now comes the Federal Council of Churches calling the achievement of "justice and fellowship among racial groups in our own land——."

Our concern is not as to whether there should be justice and freedom for all. There certainly should be and must be if the world is to escape absolute chaos and if the Kingdom of God is ever to be realized. Our concern is that those who are making the pronouncements and who really mean what they say must be careful not to hold out a hope that the ideal will be reached any time soon. The elimination of racial discrimination in the United States is not around the corner and all races involved might as well understand that. It will only lead to dire consequences when the war is over if such hope is encouraged.

We have no right to encourage such a hope. We must be frank about it. We must show our desire for the attainment of the ideal just as rapidly as thought processes and economic re-adjustments permit.

As for those who repeat the ideal in their speeches, and otherwise, and do not know what they are talking about, or do not mean what they say—we wish they would stop their mouthings. No man has a right to call for justice and freedom for all unless he is willing to follow that ideal to its logical conclusion—and that conclusion is freedom and justice in industry, freedom and justice in the political realm, freedom and justice in the field of religion. In other words—every man and woman regardless of race, color or creed will have equal standing in every phase of national life.

The goal of freedom and justice for every man, woman, boy and girl in the world, is one of the sublime ideals coming out of contemporary conditions. God grant that it may be reached sooner than some of us expect. Let us work at it and for it—but let us at the same time not say it unless we mean it—and let us realize that no such ideal was ever reached in a day. It will take years of education, patience and understanding on the part of all concerned.

Baptist Strategy in the Camps

It is pretty well known that war leadership plans call for a total force of 8,000,000 within the next twelve or eighteen months. Such a vast army calls for a Chaplain to every 1000 men, or 8000 Chaplains. Some of the Protestant groups are falling far short of Chaplain quotas due to pacifistic tendencies. The Catholics are falling short because the bishops do not want to give up the priests in their area. Baptists at the present time are near the top as to quotas. If 8000 Chaplains are to be needed and if other religious groups cannot or will not fill their quotas Chaplains will be drawn from groups that will furnish them. Here is where Baptist strategy can play an important part. During the Civil War revivals broke out among the forces on both sides. Many men were converted while bearing arms. If a revival is to break out among the men in this war Baptists are the ones to lead in bringing it about. No group is better qualified to do it than the Baptists. We believe that steps should be taken at once to offer every man who is qualified, and to encourage men to accept an appointment as Chaplain. The issues of a post-war world from a spiritual standpoint are absolutely staggering. The post-war world must have a stable foundation. The men who make up the armed forces will be the ones to make a post-war world. What kind of a world will it be? Baptists have the answer if they will flood the forces with the spirit of Evangelism through the ministry of Baptist Chaplains. It is an opportunity fraught with far reaching possibilities. It is keen denominational strategy.

Pan-American Baptist Union

Dr. H. E. Dana, president of Central Baptist Theological Seminary, has come forward with the suggestion that a "Pan-American Baptist Union" should be organized at the earliest possible moment. Dr. Dana declares that the growing importance of Central and South America as a missionary field, and the fact that they are our neighbors, make some kind of a union essential. To this suggestion we agree and we hope some step will be taken immediately through the proper channels. Of course there is now a very decided opposition on the part of the Catholic hierarchy to the new interest on the part of American Protestants toward these neighbors. This opposition however should not cause hesitation in the evangelization of hundreds of thousands who need Christ. We now have a "Pan-American Union" based on economic interests. In view of the extent of the work of Baptists in these countries at the present time it would be to our interest—and welcomed by Baptists in Central and South America—if such an organization were formed. This is a matter that deserves our best thought and we look forward to the day when a "Pan-American Baptist Union" is a reality. Why not write Dr. Dana your opinon?

Francis Carr Stifler

No man in contemporary American Baptist life has done more in recent years to add lustre to the name Baptists than Francis Carr Stifler—especially since he joined the staff of the American Bible Society. His appearance on the programs of the three National Conventions is always a high point in the programs. His radio addresses are classics. His contacts with all other denominational groups have stimulated a greater respect for Baptists. In the humble capacity as one of the secretaries of the Northern Baptist Convention, he faces an exacting task every year, but does his work with efficiency and a graciousness that is appreciated by all. His major interest is the American Bible Society. Here is an organization that meets its responsibilities year in and year out and the story of its work is unequalled. It is a pleasure to know that American Baptists have at last thrown themselves behind the Society with larger gifts. They are needed today more than ever and every Baptist church should send a contribution at the earliest possible moment. The need is more urgent than ever. Our appreciation of Francis Carr Stifler should be shown this year in the largest total of gifts in Baptist history.

Ministers of Mercy

"Service to the boys in camp, uprooted from their homes by selective service, and to all the victims of war should be a most pressing and practical concern for Christians just now. The churches ought to lead in works of mercy. The hungry, the sick, the lonely, the refugees who crowd the highways of the world, the Japanese evacuees from the Pacific Coast, cry out for good Samaritans," says President Albert W. Palmer, Chicago Theological Seminary. This is exactly the type of service being rendered by Northern Baptists through the new $600,000 World Emergency Fund. Plan to contribute to it generously on the "Sunday of Sacrifice," December 6, 1942.

Bombed and Burned Out But Not Beaten

WALTER O. LEWIS, General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance

One of the first things that one notices on a visit to Britain s the evidence everywhere of a brave determination to fight on. Nobody talks of quitting and nobody has any doubt as to the inal outcome. In London the effects of air raids early in the war are still visible in many places—the Germans are apparently not able to do much there now. There are many more inconveniences and restrictions in England than in our country because that country has been in the war longer and is closer o the danger than we are. As there is still freedom to criticize, he people blame the Government for many things. But the pirit of the people is magnificent. It would be hard to find better expression of this than a notice a firm put out on Fleet Street in London after the place of business was "blitzed" arly in the war: "Bombed and burned out but not beaten." The new address where the firm had opened up was given.

The British themselves admit they do a lot of muddling. But one of the things a visitor needs to remember in judging hem is that they have a sly way of running down their country nd all things British and saying little about the things they lo well. Why not leave to the British the task of telling of heir faults and point out a few things they do very well in he present emergency?

There is food enough in the country. There is not a great ariety, but there is enough to give every man, woman, and hild a well balanced diet. One gets porridge every morning or breakfast whether he likes it or not. Most people have earned to eat it with a pinch of salt instead of sugar. Adults an not get milk—they never drank as much milk as Americans —but every child gets the milk it needs. One of the things an American misses is fresh fruit, but here again it should be emembered the British did not eat as much fruit as Americans. Unless things change radically in the future there is not likely o be an epidemic because the people do not get enough of ll the kinds of food to keep them well.

And the provision the London authorities have made for ighting fires due to incendiary bombs is worthy of careful tudy by American cities. Besides the regular underground vater mains, in many places auxiliary pipes have been laid above he surface. And many tanks filled with water have been laced at convenient places. Areas where buildings have been estroyed have been cleared of rubbish and made into water asins that often look like immense swimming pools. Innumerble small fire engines can quickly pump water on to any fire hat might be started even if the water mains are out of comission. The matter of fire watchers is taken very seriously. mportant buildings are never left unguarded day or night. Watchers are fined for getting only a few rods away from he places they are to watch. The United States still has nuch to learn in this matter.

And when it comes to religious work inside the country, our eople are not doing badly. The Baptist churches of Britain o-operate in an organization called the Baptist Union. This vould correspond roughly to a state convention in our country hough much larger than our state conventions. Its General ecretary is M. E. Aubrey. Its headquarters, known as the aptist Church House, are located at 4, Southampton Row n the very heart of London. The Baptist Union has a Young eople's Department, a Publication Department, a Women's epartment and committees for various other activities. It as a pension scheme and a fund to aid weaker churches in ritain. The Union also has a Continental Committee which aises money for work on the Continent. The organ of the nion is *The Baptist Times*. The annual meetings of the Union re more for edification and inspiration than in an American convention. Most of the business of the Union is transacted by a large Council which represents all the sections and all the interests of British Baptists.

The Union was faced with heavy responsibilities during 1941. The Church House was damaged again by the explosion of land mines near the building. The removal of nearly the entire population of certain communities has created a double difficulty. On the one hand, certain districts are overcrowded. We know something of this in regions where we have camps and war industries. On the other hand for reasons that seem good to the military authorities certain places are partially or completely evacuated. It is difficult to keep churches alive when so many have moved away. Many churches have been destroyed or badly damaged. Many church buildings or rooms in buildings have been requisitioned for welfare centers, for air raid shelters, and for food storage. I saw one Baptist church which had a good shelter which was required to keep 200 beds ready for instant use in case of a raid. I was told that at one time this church had sheltered 110 people. Not only had the beds to be ready, but there had to be a supply of food and drink on hand ready to supply the needs of poor people driven away from their homes. The Baptists co-operate with Congregationalists in providing the chaplains the two denominations are entitled to in the army. There are not only chaplains who are commissioned as officers but local pastors who have the status as chaplains and serve without pay in the camps. Looking after all this puts a heavy burden on the Secretary of the Union. During the past year two Baptist chaplains were killed in action and one was reported missing. Six are prisoners of war.

An annual meeting of British Baptists is much like the "Anniversaries" the Northern Baptists used to hold before the Northern Convention was formed. Separate and independent but friendly societies hold their annual meetings in one place. One session is held by one society and another session is given over to another. And in some cases the same persons serve as officers or members of committees for more than one society. An example of this is the election to the presidency of the Baptist Union this year of B. Grey Griffith who has just retired as Home Secretary of the Missionary Society.

As is well known, the Baptist Missionary Society celebrated this year the 150th anniversary of its founding. Last year was one of the best years in the long history of the Society. More money was raised than was needed to carry on the work for the year. None of the money sent over by American Baptists was used last year. This money is being held as a reserve for a possible emergency in the future. New missionaries have been sent out and there was a good ingathering on all the fields. Naturally the war has brought new problems on the fields of the Society in India, Ceylon, China, the Congo, and Jamaica. And the work at home has been carried on under handicaps. The old Mission House which had served as headquarters for the Society at 19, Furnival Street, London was so badly damaged early in the war that only a few rooms can still be used. Most of the office work is done at Kettering where the Society was founded. But in spite of all these drawbacks, the new Home Secretary, J. B. Middlebrook, faces his tasks with hope and courage.

"Bombed and burned out but not beaten" was the slogan of a firm which had suffered in a raid. Our Baptist brethren in Britain would probably prefer to express their feelings in the language of Paul: "We are pressed on every side, yet not straitened; perplexed, yet not unto despair; pursued, yet not forsaken; smitten down, yet not destroyed." (Cor. 4:8-9)

Baptist Colleges In The War

By CARL W. SHAVER

In the war-time sessions now getting under way in Baptist schools and colleges, students are being trained not only to help Uncle Sam win the war but to "Win the peace" that will follow.

In a special survey just completed of 27 schools and colleges affiliated with the Board of Education of the Northern Baptist Convention it is shown that more than 25,000 young men and women will come under the war-time emergency program.

That the colleges are playing a vital part in a nation at war is evidenced by the many ways in which they are cooperating.

Not only enrolled students are benefitting from the special activities but in instances such as Bates College, Lewiston, Maine; Denison University, Granville, Ohio; Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Rio Grande College, Rio Grande, Ohio; and Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri, the citizens of the local community, members of the faculty, administrative officers, and others are participating in defense programs.

Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan, has risen to meet a need for trained personnel in nearby Michigan defense plants by training 250 people from the factories and the local community every 12 weeks to enable them to secure skilled or semi-skilled positions on war work.

A demand for college-trained stenographers resulting from industrial expansion has led Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kansas, to put five new courses into operation. Additional mechanical and library facilities are being added.

Of the 27 colleges surveyed 20 have added special courses to their curricula. The Russian and Japanese languages have been inaugurated into some institutions. More than one-third of the schools are participating in the Civilian Pilot Training program and 16 are cooperating with the Army and Navy in the preparation of reserve officers.

Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania; Colgate University, Hamilton, New York; and Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, have been designated as War Information Centers by the United States Office of Education.

To meet the special demands for information, many schools are adding to their libraries, some organizing special sections with latest government releases and periodicals.

Four of the 27 colleges are for women and their part in the war program is substantial. The students of Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri, have contributed heavily to Red Cross campaigns and have

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Rights For Japanese Evacuees

By MIKE ELLIOTT

WASHINGTON—The joint Public Relations Committee of the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions has appealed to the Government of the United States to restore the cictizenship rights of Japanese evacuees now held in detention camps.

Pointing out that Baptists were "greatly concerned" and that there was fear of grave injustice being done as between loyal citizens and aliens or potential enemies, the committee called for restoration of privileges under the Bill of Rights. The petition also asked the government to do all in its power at the earliest possible moment to re-establish citizenship rights as loyalties are established. A committee composed of E. Hilton Jackson, chairman, Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, Dr. Gove Johnson and E. H. DeGroot—all members of the committee residing in Washington—was named to present the petition in person to the proper authorities.

Out of the 112,000 Japanese who have been confined to camps in Western states, 71,000 are native born Americans. Many of them are Baptists. The Northern Baptist Convention has appropriated $50,000 for work among the evacuees during the present Convention year. A few days ago the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society approved a strongly worded protes to the government in behalf of the Japanese.

It was pointed out that the governmen had already begun investigation of al evacuees for the purpose of discriminatin between loyal citizens and enemies. Th Public Relations Committee urged speedy action in its petition. Also appeals fo liberty afforded under the Constitution o the United States to all loyal citizens.

In addition to the petition relating t Japanese evacuees, the committee author ized a second petition calling upon the government to take necessary steps t halt the sale of intoxicating liquor in and around the Army Camps. This petition was signed by E. Hilton Jackson, Washington; Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Nashville and Dr. Gordon Palmer, Philadelphia.

The committee will meet again on September 25 to consider a pronouncement on the recent decision of the Supreme Court in the Jehovah's Witness case, Religious Liberty and the attitude of Baptists toward negotiations for peace following the war. The committee appointed to study the questions and to present the pronouncement is composed of E. Hilton Jackson, Washington; Gordon Poteat, Chester, Pa.; Jesse I. Wilson, New York; Clarence W. Cranford, Washington; and Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, Washington.

LONG TERMS OF SERVICE

Gustavus Adelphus College, St. Peter, Minn., has elected Dr. Inez Rundstrom, who served for 48 years head of the mathematics department, professor emeritus. . . . Rev. Anthony H. Evans, after 47 years as pastor of the West Park Presbyterian Church, New York City, has announced his intention of retiring. . . . Rev. George T. Wood, pastor of the First Church, New Brighton, N. Y., plans to retire November 1. . . . Dr. A. V. Anderson, retires after 31 years with the Trinity Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chicago. . . .

And the Calvary Church, Akron, O., has just celebrated the 15th anniversary of Pastor H. S. Wilson and his 48th in the gospel ministry. . . . Dr. Samuel J. Skevington, because he is 70 years old and after 13 years with the Temple Church, Albany, N. Y., asked to be released but the church declined and he has agreed to serve for two years longer.

. . . Rev. E. R. Powell has just completed 16 years with the Broadview Church, Cleveland, O. . . . Dr. E. B. Pace, after 15 years with the Community Baptist Church, Magna, Utah, and because of his age is retiring from the active pastorate. . . .

And the Broadus Memorial Church, Richmond, Va., has just celebrated the 30th anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. W. E. Gibson. . . . Rev. H. L. Skillin, after 14 years service with the church at West Buxton, Maine, has been called to Morrill, Maine. . . . Rev. W. H. Briggs, has closed his work with the First Church, Osawatomie, Kan., after 12 years as pastor. . . .

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The Last Battle

Truth goes forth to battle
  Is worsted all the day,
But keeps on fighting valiantly
  Till light begins to gray.
Returns at dawn to fight again
  While centuries wheel past;
For Truth knows well that it may lose
  Each battle but the last.

—*Carl S. Weist.*

Thoughts On Church Extension

Scripture—And Jesus knew their ɔughts, and said unto them, Every King-m divided against itself is brought to solation; and every city or house di-ded against itself shall not stand.—Matt. :25.

He looked for a city which hath founda-ns, whose builder and maker is God. Heb. 11:10.

Meditation—At a time when the vast ergies of our nation are being so wholly ɔen over to military effort, it is indeed nificant that our great Convention ould be looking forward to the day when ace shall again be secured, and the tasks reconstruction will confront us. . . . e are Christian people, and we believe looking ahead, and preparing intelli-ntly for the world that is to be. We e in this present time, and we do our rt as God gives us to see it, but we also lieve in a future that will belong in-easingly to the things of God.—Bryan Archibald, Brockton, Mass.

CHALLENGE—This is the strategic ne for a Church Extension campaign. though we cannot build buildings, we ust drive down our stakes in those new mmunities by starting Sunday Schools, preaching services and church organization. They may need to meet in the beginning in a private home. They may rent one of the residences and use it for a meeting house for a time. But we would not dare to start a considerable number of such enterprises unless we have some assurance that when buildings can be built the funds will be at hand to build them. We must raise a Church Extension (Reserve) Fund now to give that assurance." —G. Pitt Beers, executive secretary, American Baptist Home Mission Society.

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If we had paid no more attention to our plants than we have to our children, we would now be living in a jungle of weeds.

—*Luther Burbank.*

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WILLIE: "Grandpa, is it true that you have lost your teeth?"

GRANDPA: "Yes, Willie. I'll be ninety-five in April and I haven't a tooth in my head."

WILLIE: "All right, then, I guess I'll let you keep my bag of popcorn while I go on an errand for Ma."

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Some Irishman has said: "In Ireland, the inevitable never happens, but the unexpected always occurs."

1942 - 1943

World Relief	$160,000
Christian Ministry to Men in Service and Defense Areas	150,000
Emergencies in Baptist Foreign Mission Fields	100,000
Critical Needs in our Schools and Colleges	50,000
Christian Ministry to Japanese Evacuees	50,000
Special Needs of Aged Ministers and Missionaries	40,000
Unforeseen Emergencies	50,000

Our Continuing Ministry To A Stricken World

There wasn't a single dissenting voice when another World Emergency Fund of $600,000 for 1942-43 was proposed at the Cleveland Convention. In spite of difficulties which all of us face during the year ahead, we are keenly aware of the plight of others whose lot is much harder than our own—and we have no intention of deserting them at this critical period.

Let's put our shoulders to the wheel and see that the full $600,000 is raised by December 6, the Sunday of Sacrifice. Then our dollars can go quickly to work—bringing aid and comfort to people all over the world. Make your contributions to the Fund through your own local church, or send them direct to The World Emergency Fund, 152 Madison Ave., New York City.

World Emergency Fund - Northern Baptist Convention

Northern Baptist News

By STANLEY I. STUBER

NEW YORK—Rev. S. S. Feldmann, for 17 years a missionary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society in the Philippines, has accepted the call of the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota, as of August first. Mr. Feldmann has rendered distinguished service in evangelism, educational, and administrative work in the Philippines. His work on the revision of the New Testament in Visayan has been a great contribution. As Mission Secretary and Associate General Secretary of the Philippine Convention, Mr. Feldmann has exhibited a degree of real statesmanship deeply appreciated by Filipino leaders.

Universal Bible Sunday

NEW YORK—Universal Bible Sunday, sponsored annually by the American Bible Society, will be observed this year on Sunday, December 13, which follows the policy recently adopted by the Bible Society of holding the celebration each year on the second Sunday in December. In the furtherance of this program the Bible Society has this year decided to devote the emphasis of Universal Bible Sunday to the matter of more and better Bible reading. The theme adopted is "Watch Your Scripture Reading." It is adapted from the First Epistle of Paul the Apostle to Timothy, the 13th verse of the 4th chapter. As in former years a packet of materials will be sent early in the fall to the pastors of all the leading denominations.

NEW YORK—The Northern Baptist Convention at Cleveland inaugurated a series of 200 "Convocations" on Spiritual Foundations.

Dr. Bruce Jackson, New York, of the Council on Finance and Promotion, will be in general charge of the nation-wide conferences. They will be held in the larger cities and several teams will be composed of pastors, missionaries, laypeople and secretaries.

Stress will be placed upon worship, evangelism, world relief, and ministry to service men, Bible exposition, and the three new programs of the Convention: World Emergency Fund, Unified Missionary Budget, and the Church Extension Reserve Fund. These financial campaigns will be touched upon only as a part of the total stewardship program of the denomination.

Work Begins Now

Although the actual meetings do not begin until this Fall, committees are now being formed to carry on the work. Meetings for November will be held in the larger cities of Colorado, Kansas, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, North Dakota, South Dakota, Pennsylvania, Utah, Vermont, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

January Convocations will be held in Arizona, California (South), Idaho, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Washington.

Convocations are scheduled in February for California (North), Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and West Virginia.

One of the aims of the local church, to be accepted as a pledge is: "We will seek at all times, in a spirit of prayer and consecration, to keep ourselves true to Christian principles, to rise above a spirit of hatred and revenge, and to seek in every way possible to maintain and strengthen those spiritual foundations which we consider to be essential to the ultimate achievement of a just and durable peace."

First Convocators

The first four Convocators for the Convocation on Spiritual Foundations are

Rev. Buell W. Maxfield, Dover, N. H., Convocator, held at Dover, N. H., November 9.

Rev. A. George Reinelt, Milford, N. H., Convocator, held at Manchester, N. H., November 10.

Rev. J. F. W. Howell, Franklin, N. H., Convocator, held at Laconia, N. H., November 11.

Rev. H. W. Buker, New London, N. H., Convocator, held at Claremont, N. H., November 12.

Radio Speakers

NEW YORK—Dr. Earl Frederick Adams, General Director of Finance and Promotion, Northern Baptist Convention, will speak for the interdenominational cause of world service needs in war time over the Blue Network of the National Broadcasting Company every Thursday during July, 1:15 to1:30 P.M.

The Rev. G. Merrill Lenox, Associate Director of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board, New York City will preach August 23 at 10:10 A.M. Eastern War Time. The service will be on a national hookup originating from station WABC, New York City.

World Wide Communion Sunday

NEW YORK—The observance of Worl Wide Communion Sunday will be hel October 4, 1942. The Department o Evangelism of the Federal Council o Churches has issued eight pieces of liter ature which may be secured at 2 cent each. "With these materials a pasto could put on a very effective loyalty cru sade in the fall," says Dr. W. E. Wood bury, secretary of evangelism for th Northern Baptist Convention.

It was voted at the Cleveland Conven tion:

"Whereas, October 4th, 1942 has bee designated by the Federal Council of th Churches of Christ in America as World wide Communion Sunday; therefore, be i

"Resolved, that the Northern Baptis Convention heartily approves the World wide Communion Sunday and expresse the hope that every congregation withi the denomination will participate in thi observance simultaneously with th churches of other denominations."

Victory Drive Underway

CHICAGO—A victory drive for "specia loyalty to the church" during the war i under way at the North Shore Baptis Church, the Rev. Weldon M. Wilson an nounced today. The drive for constan church attendance and effort as a pledg of good faith to the 70 members of th congregation who are in the armed force was suggested by James L. Kraft, chair man of the board of deacons of th church. The congregation have signed "Covenant Book," and have received special pin—a cross bordered by a "V for victory. The Covenant Book contain a history of each man in service.

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"Facts and Figures" is a new leafle being published by the Council on Financ and Promotion to give in detail an ac count of just how the money given las year for the World Emergency Fund ha been spent. It also has a page on th needs for the coming year.

Rev. Edwin A. Bell, field representativ of the Council on Finance and Promotion has been given the extra responsibility o acting as executive secretary of th Church Extension Reserve Fund estab lished by the Cleveland Convention.

Southern Baptist News

By WALTER M. GILMORE

NASHVILLE—At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville June 17 all the officers of the Committee were re-elected as follows: Dr. Chas. W. Daniel, Eldorado, Arkansas, President; Dr. J. M. Dawson, Waco, Texas, Vice President; Dr. Austin Crouch, Nashville, Tennessee, Executive Secretary; Dr. James E. Dillard, Nashville, Director of Promotion; Walter M. Gilmore, Nashville, Recording Secretary, Publicity Director, and Treasurer.

The Executive Committee found itself confronted by the dilemma of the San Antonio Convention's action in having adopted the report of its Radio Committee, with the recommendation that $25,000 be provided the Committee for the ensuing year from Cooperative Program receipts, which action contravenes the provisions of the Constitution of the Convention.

Following a free and frank discussion of the difficulty the Executive Committee adopted the following motion:

In view of the definite provisions of Section 13 of the Constitution and Section 14 of the Business and Financial Plan of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Executive Committee does not feel competent to act on the instructions of the San Antonio Convention with reference to the appropriation of $25,000 from Cooperative Program receipts for the current budget of the Radio Committee.

In view of the emergency created by this action, the Executive Committee appointed the undersigned to confer with the Radio Committee regarding the financing of the Radio Committee's work for the current year, awaiting further action on this matter by the next Convention. The Executive Committee, therefore, authorizes the Radio Committee to make an appeal to Southern Baptists along the lines pursued last year to secure the $25,000. The Executive Committee heartily commends this appeal to Southern Baptists and bespeaks their generous response.

Debt Paying Campaign

A conference was called Tuesday afternoon, June 16, 1942, of the members of the Administrative Committee, Southwide Executives, and the Committee on Cooperation and Enlistment to consider plans of promotion of all our work for the new Convention year.

The committee reports as follows:

1. That the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club be pressed with all vigor during the current year.

2. That every agency and institution of the Convention continue the policy of applying the largest possible amount of Cooperative Program receipts on their debts.

3. That we emphasize anew the importance of the Cooperative Program as providing the soundest basis of supporting our cooperative work, State and Southwide, yet devised by Southern Baptists, and that we express our ever-deepening appreciation of our Secretaries, State and Southwide, to our Editors, and to all the estates of our beloved denomination for their united effort in this method of carrying on the work of our blessed Lord.

4. That we felicitate our people upon the assurance of the early day when Southern Baptists, under the blessing of God, will celebrate the triumph of having paid the last dollar of our indebtedness, and will thus be freed to further mediate the Kingdom of our Christ to the world, at home and abroad.

Ridgecrest Summer Program

C. E. BRYANT, JR.

RIDGECREST, N. C.—Young Women's Auxiliary Camp opened at Ridgecrest June 23, with a total registration of 750 young women before the ten-day conference closed. That attendance and the 1300 registration at the Baptist Student Union program a week before are concrete evidence that difficulties of travel don't spell failure for summer religious assemblies.

Perry Morgan, manager, reports that hotel reservations for coming weeks during the Ridgecrest season are up to or above last year's figures. The Sunday School Conference, July 11-17, and the Training Union Assembly, with identical programs set for July 18-24 and July 25-31, promise to be the biggest weeks of the summer.

Dr. W. W. Hamilton Marries

NEW ORLEANS—A wedding of unusual interest to the denomination took place in the recent marraige of Dr. W. W. Hamilton, Sr., former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, to Mrs. Catharine T. Hancock, both members of Napoleon Avenue Baptist Church. Mrs. Hamilton, formerly of California, is presently associated with the Baptist Bible Institute.

THANKS!

Reverend Mike Elliott, Editor
United States Baptist
715 Eighth Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Elliott:

Your June issue of the *United States Baptist* was waiting for me when I returned from the Convention. I have read with great interest your fine page entitled "To the Stars the Hard Way." I think you have presented in a marvelous way the real challenge to us for the Convention and it seems to me that that challenge was pretty well met by the way in which the entire Convention got together on the important things.

Congratulations on the issue.

Cordially yours,

Elam J. Anderson
President
Redlands University

Army of Eight Million by End of 1943 Calls for 8,000 Chaplains

WASHINGTON—One Chaplain for every one thousand men is the plan of war leadership. It is estimated that eight million men will be under arms by the end of 1943. That means that eight thousand Chaplains will be needed. Quotas that are not filled by any religious groups will be drawn from groups that are willing to do so and can furnish qualified men. Here is an unprecedented Baptist opportunity. Some groups because of pacifistic tendencies are not encouraging men to enlist as Chaplains. What greater contribution could Baptists make for the welfare of our fighting forces, and for themselves, than to come forward with every man needed to serve the spiritual needs of the men in the service of the country?

Wins First Essay Prize

William Lyons Phelps 11 has been awarded, for his essay, "Chengtu Incident," the $25.00 prize offered students of all the Private Schools of America, as announced in the June *Atlantic Monthly*. He arrived home last year from Chengtu, China and is the son of Dr. Dryden Linsley Phelps, missionary professor at West China Union University, great nephew of Professor William Lyons Phelps, and the grandson of Dr. & Mrs. Arthur S. Phelps, Berkeley, California.

Book Month . . . . By Alfred L. Murray

UNITED STATES BAPTIST BOOK CLUB

Selection No. 1

WALTER RAUSCHENBUSCH. By Dores R. Sharpe. Macmillan. 463 pp. $2.75.

This book grew out of a labor of love. The author, in student days at Rochester Seminary, became Professor Rauschenbusch's private secretary, and, later, his literary executor. It was a tremendous task for the biographer to gather, sift, and arrange the multifarious material collected about the career of so outstanding a personage in the religious life of America and the world. The uneven character of the biography could scarcely, under the circumstances, be avoided. In any case the book will take its place in the type of literature which, to use Milton's phrase, the world will not willingly let die.

Professor Rauschenbusch became internationally famous as a preacher, prophet, and poet, but he was best known as a champion of the "Social Gospel." Through this biography the author has employed material from every available source in order to bring forward the varied features of this remarkable life; allowing relative, colleague, friend, intimate letters, published and unpublished volumes, lectures, and addresses—all to furnish as clear a portrait as possible of the man.

Protestant America in the twentieth century cannot be understood apart from the contributions to which the name of Rauschenbusch will be forever attached. It will astonish not a few readers to find that clearly and steadily burned the flames of personal evangelism in the soul of this social idealist.

Selection No. 2

INVITATION TO WORSHIP. By A. C. Reid. Abingdon-Cokesbury. 157 pp. $1.50.

These fifty compact, timely, and gripping messages, based on striking and significant selections from the Old and New Testament, are not only unique, but masterly in their approach. The author is Professor of Philosophy, Wake Forest College, he is a Ph.D., a Phi Beta Kappa, and the head of the Department of Philosophy of the college. The messages were delivered at Harvard University and elsewhere. Though they bear the marks of keen scholarship, yet their practical application and interpretation are the most striking feature about them. Here is encouragement for burdened hearts, answers for perplexed and bewildered minds, and spiritual food for hungry souls. There is a year's preaching in this volume.

BOOK REVIEWS

The Church's Opportunity in Adult Education. By Edward P. Westphal. Westminster Press. 209 pp. $1.25.

An invaluable book for pastors and leaders who desire a balanced program of education in their churches, which shall be "a continuous purposeful process" in meeting vital adult needs. Unmercifully, the terrible failure of the church to use its present and potential opportunities for adult guidance, is revealed. As a result of this failure people are not seeking the church "as a possible source of light and life." The first part of the book reviews the work of Christian education, discusses curriculum, and offers six suggestions for a balanced program. The second part is practical, offering guidance in program building. This book is one of the best in its field.

I Was In Hell With Niemoeller. By Leo Stein. Revell. 253 pp. $2.50.

This is an account of the horror and suffering endured by the author and Niemoeller, along with thousands of prisoners in Nazi concentration camps in Germany. The vivid description of brutality, cruelty, and inhumane treatment sends cold chills over you. One learns here how low men can fall who ignore God, and how God's man can rise above suffering.

Modern Composers. Famous Inventors. Famous Explorers. These three books, written "for boys and girls," and published by *Barnes,* at $2.00 each, are choice pieces of literature. The people about whom they write are admirably chosen, and the work is so prepared that any youth will be delighted with the information. Parents buy these books for your children, for like toy electric trains, you will enjoy them too. Here are attractive illustrations for talks and sermons.

Getting Down To Cases. By Charles T. Holman. Macmillan. 203 pp. $2.00.

There is no program or method that will take the place of individual treatment. Ministers who are ministering to the needs of their congregations are helping the bewildered and confused face personal problems. This volume, written in narrative form, has for its purpose that of helping the minister in his pastoral counseling. Six case studies are used to achieve this purpose, dealing with various types that most ministers will need to recognize and deal with as he must. It is a book in case studies.

A Handful of Nuggets. By Alfred H. C. Morse. Revell. 160 pp. $1.50.

These twenty-four live and quickening meditations are "for quiet moments"; moments when the mind and heart are anxious for God. The author has taken simple thoughts and made them sublime. Humor, pathos, reverence, and awe linger in these pages.

The Conquest of Bacteria. By F. Sherwood Taylor. Alliance. 172 pp. $2.00.

Aside from the medical and historical value of this volume, it offers invaluable illustrative material for sermons, and furnishes a background for counseling. The chapter, "The Body's Defences" is especially enlightening.

There Are Sermons In Stones. William L. Stidger. Abingdon-Cokesbury. 254 pp. $2.00.

Stories that the author has gathered from reading, living, travel, and observation, are fascinatingly told in this mine of illustrations for religious talks. Every story has its human touch. Excellent in selection and presentation.

Evangelism In The Home Church. Andrew W. Blackwood. Abingdon-Cokesbury. 160 pp. $1.00.

Dr. Blackwood offers sane, workable, and commendable suggestions for constructive evangelism in pastoral work, sermons, mid-week services, special, and parish services, and in doing personal work.

By An Unknown Disciple. Harpers. 222 pp. $2.00.

The unknown author writes as if he were a disciple of the Master's and tells what he heard Him say and saw Him do. If you have a friend who does not read the New Testament give him this book. Its wide circulation will be evangelistic in winning Bible readers and followers of Christ.

He Is Risen. By Harold Paul Sloan. Abingdon-Cokesbury. 186 pp. $1.50.

The meaning of the Resurrection to our day, and its significance for daily living, are set forth in a scholarly and appealing manner.

D.D.'s For Ministers

WILLIAM A. ELLIOTT

DO BE IN QUEST OF TRUTH. There are two or three qualifications I want to see in men who aspire to the gospel ministry. I want that they shall be genuinely converted, that they are certain about their call of God to the ministry, and then I want to know if they have a studious mind. If they are continuously in quest of truth.

Are they mentally hungry? Are they reading something all the time. I would not hold strictly for a college degree. It is great gain to have such a degree. But I am mindful of the fact that most of our education comes after graduating from the schools.

The minister who has a closed mind, or an indolent mind, or a mind that knows nothing of mental hunger, can not get far in his ministry, and however high his ambitions, his attainments will be meager. Success and high achievement do not come by wishing or aspiring. It is aspiration plus perspiration that land men in high places, and in places of leadership.

Not a few ministers are always bemoaning the fact that they do not stand in with the "powers that be." They do not have a pull. But it is not pull, my brother, half as much as it is push, that counts.

I am often amazed and sometimes disheartened, when I go into a minister's study, and find no evidence of study. No books, no writing material, no well thumbed Bible, no evidence of "mental sweat" any where about the place. I wonder if such ministers do not keep the people standing at the straw-stack the year around. One old deacon said their pastor did this, "and then the State Secretary would come around and hit us on the head with the milk pail, because we did not give more and richer milk." Straw makes for "stention" but it adds little to butter-fat.

"Study to show thyself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

DON'T MEANDER WHEN RUNNING WITH THE MESSAGE. If preaching is merely pastime, then one may loiter; but if it is the King's business, then it requireth haste. Sometimes we have heard ministers in their pulpit utterances, jog along as complacently as if drifting down a lazy stream in a canoe on a drowsy summer afternoon.

Coming out of a down-town church some years ago with a very observing minister and a great preacher, where we had listened to a preacher of some fame and name, my friend said: "He will not tarry long in this church. Preaching costs him too little."

There was no mark of deep concern, no expenditure of energy and effort, no sweat and "travel-stain," on his person, as he came to the conclusion of his discourse.

Once the golden-mouthed Gifford gave expression to this observation: "Every congregation is cannibalistic. They feed upon the preacher. Unless he is willing to give himself to his people in complete surrender of self and strength, he will never render great service for his Lord."

We hear, now and then of prize fighters, who have an easy time in their bouts, and come out of the contest as fresh as when they went in. But that ought not to be said of a minister entering the pulpit. "Preaching is the expression of truth, through the whole personality," if so there must be expenditure and self-giving, and the paying the cost of preaching. Preaching that does not cost the preacher, rarely comforts or convicts the hearers.

Some sermon-taster is reported as saying: "The criticism of the average sermon is that it has been prepared in a too small thought-area." My criticism is that the average sermon has cost the preacher too little of prayer and pains and has consumed too little of the preacher's energy. Not physical action, but spiritual passion, is the deep need of our preaching.

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When the war is over, the Christian Church must be a Good Samaritan to the whole world.

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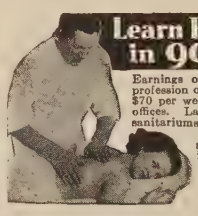

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For and About Women . . . by Mabelle Rae LeGrand

Whither Now?

THE women of the Northern Baptist Convention, or perhaps more exactly the two national societies, The Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, have turned over a leaf and begun a new page in their history. The leadership of their two most recent presidents is now history. It was quite interesting that they should both decide to make the change in the very same year. However, there will be little change in the actual working of either Society for the new presidents are both chosen from the active work of the Boards and have had a hand in the shaping of the policies of recent years. Mrs. Leslie Swain, of Rhode Island, becomes the president of the W.A.B.F.M.S., and a near neighbor from Connecticut, Mrs. H. S. Palmer, takes over the president's task for the W.A.B.H.M.S. Both are from "down east" and it will be easy for both to be at New York headquarters much of the time. The middle west and far west will need strong leaders because of the distance from New York.

Mrs. Orrin R. Judd has been active denominationally for many years and having laid down the active work of the W.A.B.H.M.S., she will continue to carry on in a much deserved honor as the Vice-President of the Northern Baptist Convention for this current year. Mrs. Howard Wayne Smith leaves the working group of the W.A.B.F.M.S. to start a period of service on the General Council where her long and intimate knowledge of the whole Convention will give her a fine background for taking part in the decisions for the whole denomination. Thus, provision has been made to keep both of these women at work in other relationships.

The discussion of Merger or Unification of the two Home Mission Boards was postponed another year and perhaps that means indefinitely. Under the present "democracy" of the Convention it is and will always be well-nigh impossible to get a fair discussion of any question. Look at the facts. The only well organized groups of the Convention are the Boards. They are always in a position to promote their wishes and plans. In this matter of unification the two Home Boards have been fair enough in presenting the proposal to the Convention but they are not ready to speak enthusiastically for it to the Convention. They feel that they have done their share in proposing it, thus making it possible for the Convention to take it or leave it. The problem arises in that it must have earnest champions and there is no organized group to promote it although there are many who eagerly hope the unification may become a reality. It must be admitted that there is one other group in the Convention that holds pre-convention sessions and because of its strong leadership and organization it represents a bloc that is able to present a strong case for or against any matter that it chooses. Just why it is so strongly opposed to this matter of making the management of mission work more efficient, and of presenting a stronger and united case for Home Missions is difficult to understand. But, here the matter rests it may even be buried.

There is one hope though dim and distant. After the days of war are history and we begin to find ourselves confronted with a tremendous work to be done for the Kingdom of God, we may once again think in terms of the Master Himself, when he said "The field is the world," and we shall begin to realize that the whole missionary enterprise of our Convention should be brought together with a sharing of experiences and values into one organization which shall really think in world terms, or in the present vocabulary, a global task. Meanwhile, we shall all "carry on," giving the best we have to the task.

Two points were very clear in the meetings of the two Woman's Boards. There must be no let-down in our concern for the Foreign Mission program. It is not possible to know the exact location of some of the missionaries who have had to move ahead of the armies but one thing we do know, it is our business to minister to suffering peoples everywhere. Therefore, White Cross Hospital supplies are badly needed to be shipped to any and every spot that can be reached.

The second important story to be kept in mind is the evacuation of the Japanese from the coastal areas. Do not forget that this country of ours has written it down that no citizen shall be deprived of property and rights without due process of law—and yet we have ignored the fact that at least half of these Japanese that have been moved are really American citizens. How explain it?

And now again to our Christian service any and everywhere. The newspaper says in this our native land there are 10,000,000 illiterates. They are for the most part in southern states but we must help to change that story. Trailer homes throughout the whole of our land create opportunities for witness near many of us.

In telling the story of the life of a missionary a certain remark was noted. Since our own lives must of necessity change day by day now and living and serving in the name of Christ is so very important, may we take this testimony for a suggestion for our own lives. This is what we heard about a worker who has recently finished this chapter of her life. "She's never been in a rut in her life." Into the new year of service we go now making new paths and avoiding the ruts of the past. All together, now. Forward, March!

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Rev. Gaye McLothlen Assumes Christian Education Task In District Convention

The Rev. Gaye McLothlen has accepted the position of Director of Christian Education at the District of Columbia Baptist Convention.

Dr. McLothlen assumed his new duties July 1st. For the past three years he has been a Fellow in the Department of Church Efficiency in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He received his Doctorate from the Seminary. Dr. McLothlen has several years experience in the field of Christian Education.

In heading up the new Department of Christian Education, Dr. McLothlen received the unanimous approval of the various Convention groups as well as the approval of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the American Baptist Publication Society. His salary will be shared by these three groups. He will specialize in Sunday School and Training work in the churches of the District. Offices will be at 715 Eighth Street, N. W.

Nelson Again Heads District Conference of Ministers

The Rev. J. Raymond Nelson has been re-elected president of the District of Columbia Baptist Minister's Conference to serve for the ensuing six months.

Other officers elected were: Rev. James P. Rodgers, Vice President; Rev. Walton MacMillan, Secretary; Rev. M. P. German, Rev. Henry J. Smith and Rev. Frank Snyder, Program Committee.

Dr. Gove Johnson Heads Program Committee for the Convention

Annual District of Columbia Baptist Convention will be held on November 20th at the National Memorial Baptist Church. Dr. Gove Johnson is chairman of the program committee which will present the Convention program in the September issue of the United States Baptist (there is no August issue). Since this year marks the 65th Anniversary of the founding of the Convention the program will be in keeping with the occasion.

Increase In Mission Budget And Hearty Response To Proposed Mission Work Given By Pastors

Unanimous response to the appeal of Dr. Rufus W. Weaver for an increase in the amount given to the Unified Budget of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention for the next year, was voiced by Pastors at a special luncheon-meeting held at National Memorial Baptist Church June 22nd.

Dr. Weaver expressed the hope that the total budget of the Convention next year might amount to $100,000. An average five per cent increase would make this sum possible, Dr. Weaver said.

The Pastors also heartily endorsed the proposed mission program as outlined by Dr. M. C. Stith, acting Superintendent of Missions. Stations will be suggested to churches where they may send their workers for Sunday afternoon meetings, and at other times as may seem wise. It was pointed out that the effort to recruit workers from the churches for this missionary task would not be difficult. The Woman's Mission Union is already at work recruiting helpers for the mission work.

It was also announced that plans are being worked out for the simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign to be held just before Easter in 1943.

The meeting at National Memorial was one of the largest attended meetings in months, practically every one of the District Pastors being present.

Dr. J. E. Briggs Celebrates 33 Years Service In Fifth Baptist Church Pastorate

Fifth Baptist Church observed the thirty third anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. John E. Briggs Sunday, July 5th. Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, executive secretary of the Convention, was the guest speaker. The celebration had been postponed about a month due to the illness of Dr. Briggs. In the course of his address Dr. Weaver pointed out interesting facts about the long pastorate.

Total additions to the church during the period were 4,049. Of this number 2,356 were by baptism. A total of $700,851.42 was given for all purposes, about one third of the amount going to Missions, Education and Benevolence. Known members who died during the period were 500.

Dr. Briggs has assisted in organizing many Bible Schools and Churches in and near Washington. He has conducted 3,000 funerals and has made 35,000 pastoral calls. He has conducted twice as many funerals for those not members of the church as those enrolled as members. Many evangelistic meetings have been held throughout the Southern States.

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Patriotism

God grant that not only the love of liberty but a thorough knowledge of the rights of man may pervade all nations of the earth so that a philosopher may set his foot anywhere on its surface and say, "This is my country."—*Ben Franklin.*

History of Convention Will Be Prepared by Dr. Rufus Weaver

At the last annual Convention a resolution was approved calling for the publication of an appropriate history depicting the work of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention during its sixty-five years. Dr. Rufus W. Weaver is planning a book which will include the history of all churches with the pictures of the churches and pastors. A letter will be sent to all pastors regarding the proposed plan asking the cooperation of the pastors in this undertaking.

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Military victory is not enough. There must also be a victory of the spirit.

—*John Foster Dulles.*

Departmental Policies - D. C. Baptist Convention, Effective July, 1942

I—Statement of Administrative Policy:

The work of all departments shall be under the general supervision of the Executive Committee and the Executive Secretary. A representative of each department shall be a member of the Executive Committee, according to the intended change of by-laws to be submitted to the Convention in November, permitting an enlargement of the Executive Committee.

This body shall meet at least once each month for the purpose of planning and advising with the heads of the departments as to progress, and shall provide the means necessary for the consummation of such plans adopted, consistent with the budget appropriations and available funds.

II—Membership Policy:

Each Department shall consist:

1. Of parallel organizations within each church belonging to the Convention, ie; the Sunday School of any church shall be included in the program of the Department of Education as a member of the Sunday School Association. Each Training Group shall be a part of the Department of Education as a member of the Training Association. The Presidents of the Associations and Councils shall be elected by those bodies according to their own by-laws.

2. The Standing Committees of the Convention now elected or appointed annually to make reports to the next annual meeting of the Convention shall be considered to be a part of the department under which their work would normally fall.

III—Functional Policy:

1. *Secretary of Education.*

The Secretary of the Department shall be responsible for the welfare and development of the department according to the plans and advice of the Executive Committee and Executive Secretary, ie; the Secretary of Education will be responsible for the following functions, and others as the need may arise:

(a) The Training Programs for the Sunday School and Training Organizations at such times as may be fitting, and using methods adaptable to the type of program the church is undertaking.

(b) He will organize the Sunday School Association into Groups parallel to the departmental division of the Sunday School, and see that adequate leadership is provided for progressive programs in the monthly meetings.

(c) He will promote and emphasize, through the Sunday School, all phases of development that are necessary to the growth and effective working of Sunday School organization.

(d) A like organization for the Association of Training will be provided.

(e) The Secretary of Education will assist in every way possible in the provision of temporary staffs for Mission Centers, and the organization of staffs within these Centers.

2. *Baptist Student Union Secretary.*

The Baptist Student Union Secretary, within the Department of Education, shall carry on his Student Work as is customary on the campus, assist the Secretary of Education in every way possible, and cooperate with the Mission program in providing similar services for Dormitory Groups as these Groups are reached.

3. *Superintendent of Missions.*

He is to have general oversight of the plans for, and placement of, such Mission Centers as may be needed in the Washington Area. He will work in collaboration with the Convention Relation Committee, which in turn will follow the administrative policy. The Women's Missionary Association, the Sunday School Association, the Men's Council and the Association of Training will work with him to provide service and organization staffs for new Centers.

4. *The Department of Institutions.*

Shall be headed by a Committee composed of the following from each home, and the Bible School: Chairman of Trustees and of the Board of Managers, or, in case of the Bible School, the President, and the elective officers of the Convention. A Chairman shall be elected by the Committee annually, who shall advise with the Executive Committee concerning matters of Institutional administrative policies.

5. *The Department of Promotion.*

Shall consist of the Executive Committee, the Department heads and Secretaries. It shall plan and promote all programs of the Convention, including the programs of the Northern and Southern Conventions. It shall provide adequate publicity mediums and be responsible for the subscription and payment of the Annual Budget. A director would be highly desirable for this Department.

General:

All departments will work in close relationship to each other for the purpose of assisting the Churches through our Convention. Broad and flexible policies are necessary this first year in order that the departments may be free to work out their own procedure through experimentation and mutual consultation. The desired objectives can only be attained through thorough understanding and mutual desire upon the part of all concerned.

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Details of Re-Organization In September Issue

Complete details of the new set-up in the organization of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, will be presented in the September issue, according to Dr. Rufus W. Weaver. By that time it is expected that all Departments will be functioning under the new plan. Watch for it since the report will be vital to every church.

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Churches Can Seat Only 56% Of the Total Membership

Seating capacity of the churches of the Convention would care for only 56 per cent of the membership on any given Sunday, according to a survey recently made. It is estimated that only about 25 per cent of the membership of a given church is present on any one Sunday. This is true throughout the country and indicates a weakness in Baptist churches that is serious. The problem of regular church attendance is a matter of concern to all leaders. It is not that we have too many churches—we do not have enough to minister to the people in any large city. The problem is that of getting members of churches already organized to attend plus the problem of organizing new churches to take care of those not affiliated with any church. A five year emphasis on attendance at services of Public Worship might well be inaugurated throughout the country.

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The publicity department of the Northern Baptist Convention has the following publications on its regular schedule: *The Baptist State Convention Supplement, The Weekly Baptist Church Calendar, The Pastor's News Letter.* Two new publications are now being added: *The Convocator,* a bi-weekly information leaflet for leaders in charge of the Convocations on Spiritual Foundations, and *The Campaigner,* a series of mimeograph instructions for those working on the World Emergency Fund.

The Baptist Home for Children

By Mrs. Agnes G. Shankle

The Baptist Home for Children, located in Bethesda, Maryland, just outside of Washington, operating under the direction of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, has become a Baptist landmark of service to thousands of Baptists and other friends who are familiar with its work.

This year marks our twenty-seventh anniversary. Two hundred and ten underprivileged little children have been under our watchcare during these years. Not all of our children are of Baptist parentage, and all of them are not full orphans. Social and economic reasons are oftentimes contributing factors for the acceptance of some of our children. Every case is carefully investigated by our case worker, and it is brought to the Board only after our Advisory Committee has been fully satisfied as to its merits. Under these conditions, children between the ages of three and ten are admitted, if there are vacancies, after a thorough physical examination.

Our first Baptist Home in Washington was made possible through the generosity of Mr. John B. Lord, of the Brookland Baptist Church, who presented to the Columbia Association of Baptist Churches (now District of Columbia Baptist Convention) his former home on Newton Street, valued at $11,000. This was enlarged and improved and on June 29, 1915, the Baptist Home for Children was formally opened with a lawn fete given by the Board of Managers. Our first family was composed of seventeen little children, tenderly mothered by Mrs. Magdalene C. Fisher, our first Superintendent.

In 1925 our present site in Maryland was purchased for $40,000 by our trustees. The project was born in faith. There was no money for the buildings, but the planning for the erection of our two cottages went on just the same. We just let God run things in His own way. At the crucial moment Edwin Gould became interested. After a thorough investigation, he made the proposition that he would build a girls' dormitory, costing approximately $80,000, provided we Baptists build its twin building for the boys. Our Association accepted the challenge. The Lord and Gould dormitories were dedicated November 15, 1931.

It is an interesting matter of history that our present case worker and first vice president, Mrs. Redmond Mayo, Brookland Baptist Church, is the granddaughter of John B. Lord, our generous benefactor who gave us our first Home.

Usually there are fifty or more children under our watchcare. Coming as they do with different backgrounds and from various environments, there are multitudes of problems which confront us. It takes prayer, work, patience, understanding and wisdom to deal with varied talents, temperaments, ideas and ideals. We always try to help a child find his niche in life, the place he best can fill. We are fortunate in having an understanding staff of workers. Miss Mary N. Talmage, our superintendent, has for years mothered and guided our children with an understanding heart, and loving hands.

Some years ago a little motherless Italian boy about three years old was brought to our Home by his father. He had been shifted among relatives from pillar to post. His big, frightened eyes told their own tale of misery. For months he would not mix with the children, and yet he would not stay alone in a room. If an adult came into the dormitory, he would crawl under the farthest corner of the farthest bed. As he grew older he developed a wonderful mechanical ability. He would keep things around the Home in repair. He became interested in electricity, and helped to wire houses. His marks in school were not good, but his mechanical ability could not be disputed. Mrs. Louis D. Bliss, our second vice president and chairman of our Children's Service Committee, made it possible for Sam to attend Bliss Electrical School. He graduated last year with a fine record. He has a good job and better prospects. We have given him the foundation, education and training. He has the character and stamina to make good. He is one of many.

Many of our former boys are now in the army, the navy and the marines, serving their country loyally and well. Interesting letters are coming to us from their training camps. Several weeks ago we received a delightful letter from one of our boys, (half orphan) who recently enlisted in the Marines. He has taken out $5,000 war risk insurance, making his mother his beneficiary for $3000, and our Baptist Home for Children his beneficiary for the other two thousand.

Dividends? We are not looking for material returns for the love, plans and downright hard work which goes into the rearing of every child, but we are happy indeed when our boys and girls of yesterday are making good as Christian citizens in the world to-day.

FIFTH BAPTIST

Although many of the best homes near our church are being demolished so as to widen Independence Avenue and make of it one of the great thoroughfares of Washington and although many other residences are being torn down to give room for government buildings, yet it is the determination of the church to put on such an intensive compelling program that people from this and other sections of the city and from nearby Maryland and Virginia may be constrained to join with us in doing a worthwhile work for the Master. There are many unused resources in most churches. The problem is to harness them and put them to work in lifting high the banner of the cross.

There are two things in particular. One is that of taking a census of the territory contiguous to our church. There are thousands of people at our very doors who do not go to any church. We will not stoop to proselyte, but those who do not go anywhere are ours if we can get them. What they need to know is that God loves them and that we love them and are anxious to help and serve them. There are those here as in Bible

times who say, "No man careth for my soul." It is still true that "The world is dying for a little bit of love." So we want to have the love of God in our hearts and take the word of God on our lips and compel them to come in from the fields of sin.

Another thing is that of a Vacation Bible School. Between now and the opening of the Public Schools of the city, parents and children cannot leave the city as usual. Parents are at a loss to know what to do with the children during the summer months. They want to keep them off the streets but there are few places they can go. When a child goes to Bible School regularly, he gets only 52 hours during the entire year. Hence the need of having the boys and girls to study the Bible and to know some of the great hymns of the church. Also to learn how to do things with his hands so as to give expression to the life within. We need less of the negative and more of the positive. What an opportunity is the Vacation Bible School.

Forty Plus Twenty-Five

There is just one answer to the arithmetic problem stated above, and it is easy enough to find: 65. Apply these same figures to the years of a minister's life and the answer is not so simple.

What a minister can look forward to financially, at 65 depends largely on what he has done with the 25 years between 40 and 65. If he and his churches during that period have participated in the Ministers Retirement Plan of the Relief and Annuity Board, his future—so far as finances are concerned—is provided for. If such participation has been partly neglected (after his state joined the Plan), every day of neglect has cost the minister in cash benefits. If participation has been wholly neglected, the picture is not one to cheer the heart.

As your State Secretary I shall be happy to explain the Plan further, and to provide application blanks, so that yours may be a happy day at retirement.

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CALVARY

Calvary Baptist Church at the close of its mid week service last Thursday night, had a recognition service for its pastor, Rev. Clarence W. Cranford, upon the occasion of his receiving the honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity, from his Alma Mater, Bucknell University. As a memento of the event he was presented with a leather bound edition of the new Encyclopedia Britannica. Dr. Cranford gave the baccalaureate sermon at Bucknell and at Washington and Lee the last week in May.

About one hundred of Calvary's young people attended the Young People's Conference at Western Maryland College campus, Westminster, Md., over the week-end, June 19-21. Dr. Cranford was one of the conference speakers. Dr. Francis C. Stifler of the American Bible Society filled Calvary's pulpit on Sunday morning. The congregation responded to his appeal for funds to carry on the work of the Society with a free-will offering of $200.00.

WEST WASHINGTON

A beautiful new "Novachord" was recently presented to the church as a memorial gift, in memory of two devout mothers. The new officers of the Men's Bible Class are president, C. E. Moore; president emeritus, E. W. Ladson; vice president, R. A. Watkins; secretary, A. B. Fulk; treasurer, Irving S. Craig; teacher, Z. C. Hodges; assistant teacher, R. A. Watkins. The Men's Bible Class meets every Sunday morning at 10:00 A.M. in the Church Auditorium. All men who are not members of some class are cordially invited to join this class. Two members of our church were recently installed as officers of the Columbia BYPU Federation: W. Clyde Hospital, Jr., President; Mrs. Ida R. Burrows, Junior Leader. Our Sunday School will be represented at the Sunday School Conference, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, July 11-17, 1942. The Ladies' Aid Society will hold a Lawn Fete at the Church on Friday, July 24th.

TAKOMA PARK

About the most interesting event in our church in recent days is the installation of new hymn books. Our committee made choice of the book by H. H. Tweedy, "Christian Worship and Praise" published by A. S. Barnes and Company, of New York. This book is ably edited and contains many valuable aids to worship. It is specially well bound and has practically all the old hymns and the new hymns up-to-date. Some folks revert to the old hymns and say they like them the best but we have reminded all that the word says: "O sing unto the Lord a new song." It is something like the choice of silver or gold, both are needful and both are precious. We have come to the end of the season when after June we shall omit the evening services until the last Sunday in September. Our young people however, will continue their meetings throughout the summer under the leadership of Nathanael B. Habel, a student in Crozer Seminary, who spends week ends with us. Our annual observance of Children's Day, the annual Missionary Tea at the Parsonage, and the annual Sunday School picnic in Rock Creek Park passed by very pleasantly. The church is winning and holding many new friends and much good work is being done that cannot be tabulated.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL

At the June meeting of the Woman's Society the Dewey Moores, National Memorial's Missionaries to Italy, were the guests of honor. At the morning hour Mrs. Moore (formerly Alice Speiden, who grew up in National Memorial) spoke on the work in Italy and was presented with a novel necklace which was composed of twenty-five one dollar bills. There were gifts for each member of the family. During the afternoon session Dr. Moore showed pictures of the work in Italy.

Children's Day was observed June 14th with a unified service of the Sunday school and morning worship at which time the pageant "A Lantern in the Dark" was presented. This was under the direction of George Watson, Ralph Hopper, and Miss Addie Moseley.

The church plans to hold its annual Vacation Bible School June 19 - July 2 with commencement exercises on Thursday evening, July 2, and a Fourth of July Picnic. William Roark will be the principal and the department superintendents are Mrs. Nadine Ryland, Miss Ellen Price, Mrs. Laura Simms, and Tom Boone.

The following are the new general officers of the Sunday School who began work the first of May: General Superintendent, S. Garland Kent; Associate Superintendents, C. N. Soderberg, A. D. Hilton, Walter M. Norris, Jameson Barton, George Watson; Secretary, L. B. Grening; Associate, Miss Verlie Tiller; Treasurer, C. A. Lowe; Associate, John Wann, Jr.; Auditor, Jack Hall; Publisher, George Birdsall.

The sixth new union of the Young People's Department of the Training Union was recently organized. This department now has Findley Doughty as its director and the following are presidents of the unions: Miss Dolly Shiplet, Miss Neuphene McDowell, Miss Lois Holmgren, Miss Hazel Wamsley, Vincent Tiller, and Jack Economas. During the month of May the Training Unions averaged 195 in attendance.

Columbia Federation

This coming year will be a somewhat crucial one in the history of the Columbia Federation of Baptist Young People's Unions, due to the transitional period which it will undergo on account of its new relationship to the District of Columbia Baptist Convention. It is the general hope and belief, however, both among the leaders in the Federation itself and those outside, that the new cooperative plan which links the young people's organization with the Convention through the training department to be established with a Secretary of Education to coordinate the work, will work out successfully.

This hope was expressed by Clyde Hospital, the newly-elected President of the young people's Federation, who along with the other officers who are to serve for the coming year will be installed at the monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, June 16. Although he is still somewhat in the dark as to what form of cooperation between the two bodies will be proposed, no definite plan along this line having as yet been presented to the young people's organization, Mr. Hospital feels that a satisfactory arrangement can be reached. As already emphasized by the Federation in a statement which they presented to the executive board of the Convention when the matter was under discussion, this arrangement should permit the young people to maintain a degree of initiative and independence in their program and work to which they feel they are justly entitled as a result of their past efforts and successes.

Mr. Hospital, the active, young president who will guide the Federation through the next twelve months, is well known in young people's as well as in other church work here. He has been vice president of the Federation during the past year; also has been an area director; and has been an active member of the organization for a number of years past. He is a member of the West Washington Baptist Church, where he has been president of his B.Y.P.U., teacher in the Sunday School and chairman of the executive council. He is well and popularly known throughout the city; and it is predicted by those who know him that his administration will be one of marked activity and success. Among other projects in which he is particularly interested is that of providing, through the Federation, for the social and religious needs of the soldiers and other service men stationed in and around Washington.

Austin Hollway, the newly elected vice president of the Federation, a former treasurer and during the past year chief justice of the Court of Review, has been another active young people's worker for some years past. He is a member of Calvary Baptist Church; formerly of Centennial.

Helen Sanford, who has been reelected recording secretary, is a member of Congress Heights Baptist Church, where she was president of her Union.

Everett Gianiny, who has been elected treasurer, is a member of North Washington Baptist Church, and a former president of his Union.

Betty Shields, elected corresponding secretary, is a member of Chevy Chase Baptist Church; is active in B.S.U. work; and has been president of her Union.

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No more appropriate and constructive investment can be made than that offered by the DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BAPTIST CONVENTION FOUNDATION.

The District of Columbia Baptist Convention Foundation was chartered in 1939. Its services are tendered to the members of the churches of this Convention. Any person, desirous of establishing a fund, the income from which shall be given to the Convention or to any cause fostered by this Convention, will find the District of Columbia Baptist Convention Foundation the legal and trustworthy agency for carrying out his wishes.

The Baptists of Washington have delayed too long the creation of an endowment for its work. Many among us, we believe, would be interested in a plan by which their gifts would be carefully safeguarded and the income divided among the several denominational causes in which they are interested. A large part of the income of the Northern Baptist Convention comes from endowment funds, most of them secured through bequests. We call upon every member of this Convention to help us in making this Foundation an effective agency.

C. B. Austin,
W. W. Everett,
John E. Briggs,
Trustees.

Form of Bequest

"I give, devise and bequeath to the District of Columbia Baptist Convention Foundation the sum of $ to be used within the discretion of the officers of said Foundation subject to the approval of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention."

For information write the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, 715-8th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

RUFUS W. WEAVER, *Executive Secretary*

First Baptist

With a budget for the current church year of approximately $50,000; with an actual enrolled membership in excess of 1,600, and with others whose letters have not yet arrived from their home churches, and associate members, bringing the total to about the 1,700 mark; and with a steadily growing attendance, prospects of a spiritually successful year at the First Baptist Church are excellent. With increases practically all along the line, one of the most interesting features of the treasurer's report presented at the recent annual business meeting, was the fact that there had been an increase of 59 per cent in the amount of "loose plate collections" received during the past year as compared with the previous year, $7,350 in the year past as against $4,617 in the preceding twelve months. Another healthy indication from a financial standpoint was the fact that the amount received "through envelopes" for budget expenses also showed a large increase; from $26,229 to $35,230 or more than $9,000. Receipts for all purposes during the year were almost $15,000 in excess of those during the preceding year. Purchase of the O Street property, a large plot across an alley immediately to the rear of the church, which will be used for future development, has now been consummated; and a considerable portion of the amount due on this valuable property already has been raised and paid.

West Washington

A beautiful "Novachord" has been presented to the West Washington Baptist Church. The Novachord was a Mother's Day Memorial Gift to the Church in memory of two devout Mothers.

A young woman recently gave $100.00 for the World Emergency Relief Fund. This gift was "In memory of one of the best women I have ever known—MY MOTHER."

First Baptist

Rev. Harlan Stenger, young graduate of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, whom the church decided last Thursday evening to call as Associate Pastor in charge of Christian Education, and who will start on his duties July 1, will, we are sure, be warmly welcomed by our members. Having been recommended by the special committee appointed to secure such a new church assistant, and by the executive council, after having heard and conferred with Mr. Stenger, it is felt that he will perform a needed and valuable service here in the work for which he has been called, which is in particular to help organize and coordinate the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. activities, and to assist as directed by the pastor in other ministerial work. During his short visit here with his wife, Mr. Stengel made an excellent impression on all of our members who met and talked with him.

A NEW DAY FOR YOUNG MINISTERS

A new day has dawned for the young minister. Once upon a time he felt that he could not begin making plans for his old age responsibilities until later in life, when he had been called to a larger church. He was probably right. In most cases the income received from his church or churches, immediately after college and seminary days, did not justify laying aside even a little "for a rainy day."

The Ministers Retirement Plan of the Relief and Annuity Board has come to the rescue of the young minister in the predicament. Its contributory feature—in which his church or churches and his State Board pay 5% of the cost, leaving him to pay only 3% of his salary as his part—permits him to start building up a retirement fund, from the first day of his first pastorate. This is an investment which pays big dividends.

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Baptist Colleges

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pledged themselves to regular purchase of War Bonds and Stamps. Eight hundred Stephens students are in courses in first aid, home nursing, nutrition, and the Red Cross Motor Corps.

September brings to Stephens the first course ever offered in the nation to train women for positions in commercial aviation. Executives of 11 of the nation's airlines are cooperating in planning the course.

Colorado Woman's College at Denver is carrying on a special summer session with emphasis on dietetics, nursing education, and specialized training for various occupations. Twelve special courses are now offered to students.

Colby Junior College, New London, New Hampshire, has added a new X-ray and floroscope to its equipment to support the program of training of medical technicians and medical secretaries. More than 50% of the students are taking special war-time training.

Students at Ricker Classical Institute, Houlton, Maine, were released during the late weeks of the summer to take their places on farms harvesting potatoes and other crops.

Notable among the offerings of the schools are courses and discussions of post war problems. Denison University, Colorado Woman's College, Franklin College, and others are making determined efforts to guide their students to a full understanding of the problems involved.

Spiritual emphasis and personal counselling are finding a definite place in the work of the faculties of all of the Baptist institutions, the survey shows.

Particular interest is being displayed in courses in Civilian Defense with air raid warden instruction a part of the training. Six of the Baptist schools are training nurses and nurses' aides. Personal health is also a subject of growing concern to students, the survey shows.

A couple of girls handed the cashier of a cafeteria on their way out a slip of paper with the number 1004180 on it. This satisfied the cashier, who let them pass without paying. Why?

Well, it reads: "I owe nothing for I ate nothing."

Federal Council Calls for New Deal In Race Relations

NEW YORK— The Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches in a "Message to Our Fellow Christians" today urged churches to set their own houses in order in the matter of race discrimination, and pointed out that:

"Out of the churches of America must come leaders who . . . vigorously oppose all policies and practices of racial discrimination in the armed forces; (who) work constructively for the relieving of the acute white-Negro tensions growing up in camp and war industrial communities; (and who) as employers or workers give strong support to President Roosevelt's executive order against discrimination in industry . . ."

The message, which was directed to the members of the 24 national denominations which comprise the Federal Council, declared that "Racial discrimination against Negroes and other minority groups has persisted in our communities partly because it has not been eliminated from our churches . . . The achievement of the Christian ideal of democracy in our nation falls short because of the lack of clearer demonstration in our churches. Men and women of all races should be warmly welcomed among their members.

"The experience of our missionaries . . . has shown conclusively that we need to achieve justice and fellowship among racial groups in our own land in order to show the sincerity of our belief in the Gospel we carry to the peoples of other lands."

There are two freedoms—the false, where a man is free to do as he likes; the true, where a man is free to do what he ought.

—*Charles Kingsley.*

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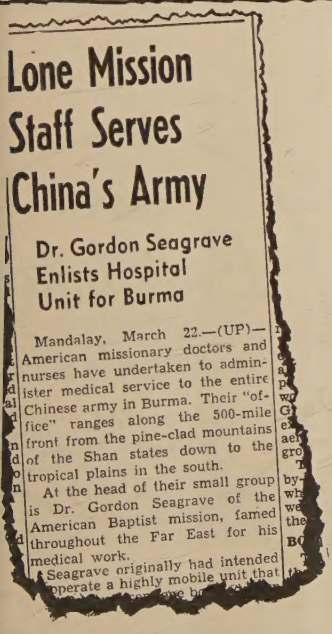

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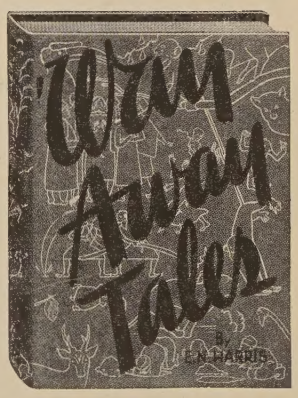

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